

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of January 30, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-20 and 46, without traverse. Claims 21-45 have been canceled by the present amendment.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3153.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated this 11 day of Feb., 2004

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